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## NOTES AND NEWS.

### DR. WRESCHNER'S WEIGHT EXPERIMENTS.

In my review of Dr. Wreschner's *Beiträge zu psychophysischen Messungen* (this *Journal*, IX, 591 ff.), I noted the fact that the author nowhere states whether his subjects were informed of the time-order of the experimental series. "Were the subjects told the time-order of the first double series or not? Presumably not, since the procedure at large was procedure without knowledge. . . . The knot is cut if the subjects were acquainted with the time-order in every case; but this is nowhere stated." (P. 593.)

Dr. Wreschner has requested me to give publicity to the following statement: "The subjects were always told beforehand whether a P I or a P II series was coming. The method was only so far without knowledge that the magnitude of the weight of comparison was unknown to the subjects in each experiment. I regret that I did not expressly say this in the chapter 'Das Versuchsverfahren'; but a remark upon the matter occurs on p. 210 (2 lines from the top)."

I am very glad to call attention to this correction, which is of great importance for any estimate of Dr. Wreschner's theory of the time-error. I may add that the sentence on p. 210 was one of the two or three puzzling passages that led me to note the omission pointed out in my review.

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### EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY IN ENGLAND.

During the absence of Dr. W. H. Rivers with the Borneo Expedition, the courses in Experimental Psychology at University College, London, are given by Mr. E. T. Dixon, known by his mathematical publications in the *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, and by his work on visual space recently published in *Mind*.

### THE WELBY PRIZE.

The Welby Prize of £50, offered for the best essay on the subject of "The Reasons for the Present Obscurity and Confusion in Psychological and Philosophical Terminology, and the Directions in which we may look for Efficient Practical Remedy," has been awarded to Dr. Ferdinand Tönnies, of Hamburg. A translation of the successful essay will shortly appear in *Mind*.

### UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Mr. Henry Wilde, F. R. S., of Manchester, has endowed in the University of Oxford a Wilde Readership and a John Locke Scholarship in Mental Philosophy.

Dr. R. Macdougall has been appointed assistant director of the Psychological Laboratory in Harvard University; Dr. F. G. Lancaster, professor of Psychology and Pedagogy at Colorado College; Dr. C. H. Judd, professor of Experimental and Physiological Psychology in the School of Pedagogy, New York University; Dr. D. S. Miller, lecturer in Psychology at Columbia University; Dr. E. Thorndike, instructor in Psychology at the Western Reserve University; Mr. G. M. Whipple,

ple, assistant, and Dr. I. M. Bentley, instructor in Psychology at Cornell University; Dr. E. A. Gamble, instructor in Psychology, Wellesley College.

In accordance with the request of the Government of Venezuela, and of the Committee on Organization, the III Pan American Medical Congress has been postponed to meet in Caracas in December, 1900.

#### FORTHCOMING BOOKS.

The following books on psychological subjects are announced as in preparation:

Baillière, Tindall & Cox: "Aids to Psychological Medicine," by T. A. BEADLE; "Handbook for Attendants on the Insane," by authority of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Cambridge University Press: "An Introduction to Psychology," by G. F. STOUT and J. ADAMS.

J. & A. Churchill: "Clinical Lectures on Mental Diseases" (CLOUTON), with new plates.

C. Griffin & Co.: "Mental Diseases," by W. B. LEWIS.

Longmans & Co.: "Psychology in the Schoolroom," by T. F. G. DEXTER and A. H. GARLICK.

The Macmillan Co.: "First Experiments in Psychology, an Elementary Manual of Laboratory Practice," by E. B. TITCHENER.

Scientific Press, Ltd.: "Medical Aspects of Education," by P. G. LEWIS; "Mental Nursing," by W. HARDING.

W. Scott, Ltd.: "Degeneracy," by E. S. TALBOT.

Swan Sonnenschein & Co.: "Aristotle's Psychology," by W. A. HAMMOND; Wundt's "Physiological Psychology," trs. by E. B. TITCHENER.

University Correspondence College Press: "Manual of Psychology," by G. F. STOUT.